

YALE WANTS TAFT.

MAY GO TO UNIVERSITY AS KENT PROFESSOR OF LAW.

Whatever His Decision as to Fulmer Course He Wants Vacation. May Visit Augusta.

Washington, Dec. 11.—President Taft is considering an offer of the Kent professorship at the Yale law school. The place which has been vacant for several years and was last filled by Prof. Phelps, at one time American minister to Great Britain, has been formally tendered to Mr. Taft and he has talked over the affair with his cabinet but arrived at no decision.

Should he accept it, his relation to Yale university would be much the same as was former President Cleveland's relation to Princeton. Mr. Taft is considering this offer on one side, and his original plan to practice law on the other. Some of his friends here incline to the belief that he will accept the Yale place, though they do not expect he will make up his mind before next month.

The president has had the proposal to go to Yale under consideration for some time. He is already a member of the Yale corporation and his desire to return to New Haven has been weighed against one to go back to Cincinnati and "hang out his shingle," take his oldest son, Robert, into his office and establish a law practice in his home city.

Edward John Phelps, who last held the Kent professorship, died in 1900. He was a distinguished lawyer and an active Democrat. Under President Fillmore Mr. Phelps was appointed second comptroller of the treasury, and in 1880 was president of the American Bar Association.

In the same year he was the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for governor of Vermont, his home State. He was made minister to Great Britain by President Cleveland in 1885 and served until the end of that president's first term.

Whatever decision is reached by the president, it is practically certain that he will take a rest of a month after he leaves the White House. He is seriously considering a trip to Augusta, Ga., where he has spent two winter vacations since he became president. The president is fond of Augusta and is doubly attached to the Georgia city because it was the home of his former aide, Major A. W. Butt, who went down with the Ti-

tanic. Within the last few days Mr. Taft has taken up the question of a Georgia vacation with several Augusta friends and is expected to decide the matter shortly.

The Kent endowment pays \$5,000 a year.

Not Formal Yet.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 11.—President Hadley of Yale did not deny this morning that there had been an informal conference on the subject of President Taft accepting the Kent professorship of law at Yale. He did say, however, that the matter had not been formally acted upon in any way.

WOMAN ACCUSED OF SMUGGLING

Wholesale Conspiracy Alleged by Federal Officers.

New York, Dec. 11.—A smuggling conspiracy, to which many large dressmaking establishments throughout the United States are parties, and through which the United States treasury has been defrauded of a million dollars revenue, was alleged by the Federal authorities today, when the first indictment in the case was obtained, that of a middle-aged woman, whom customs officials described as the wife of George Haldorn, a lawyer with offices in New York, London and Paris. When arrested at a fashionable house here today she was in possession of twenty-one gowns valued at \$15,000, the finest, the officials said, that had been seized at this port in years.

Mrs. Haldorn, traveling, it is alleged, as Mrs. Ansdorn, Mamade Haldan and Madame Hubert, has been followed by special agents of the treasury department since early last August, when she left this port for Europe. She was traced to Rotterdam, Paris, London, Liverpool and to Canada. The government alleges that the woman is one of several clever agents of large dressmaking establishments, employed to go abroad every season to purchase the most expensive and latest gowns, posing as wealthy foreigners when they arrive in this country.

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WILLIAM FRANCIS RHAME.

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His father, Bryan Francis Rhame, of Scotch-Irish descent, married Miss Argent C. Barrett in 1837 and William was their first child. The father taught school in Darlington, Marion, Sumter and Clarendon Districts, and no child was ever turned away from his school because too poor to pay.

William grew up in a studious, religious home, where moral and mental training were of the first importance, and when about 19 years old he was sent to Furman University to complete his education, where for three years he pursued with eagerness the course of study until the war began, and lacking only one year of graduation, he volunteered as a student under Capt. Lanneau June 6, 1861 in Greenville, and for four years he wore the gray and struggled through the vicissitudes of army life in Northern Virginia, where the suffering was greatest and the fighting hottest. During the whole time he had but one furlough and came home for one month, July to August, 1864, to procure a horse to take the place of one lost. The furlough is signed: "L. Williams, Capt. commanding Co. K, 2nd S. C. Cavalry" and shows the command in which he served. The war over, he came home and took up the burden of life in the neighborhood of Pisgah church, where his father had spent a large part of his life in building a home. There amidst all the poverty and confusion resulting from the war, he farmed and taught school. In 1865 he married Miss Janie DuPre, a daughter of Rev. J. E. DuPre, who had been pastor of the Sumter Baptist Church for ten years, and their six children are with us.

He moved to Sumter about 1872 and took up his work teaching school and many of the Sumter men have we heard say: "I owe much to Mr. Rhame as my teacher."

He was a member of Sumter Lodge No. 8, I. O. G. T. and a most earnest advocate of temperance, filled every office in the gift of the lodge well and was one of the most faithful attendants upon its meetings. He served as Grand Secretary of the State Grand Lodge for a number of years and, taken altogether, he had as much

temperance work to his credit, as any man in the State.

Baptised July 1, 1860, by Dr. Richard Furman, his religious life began. Throughout his army life, he carried the consciousness of a servant of the Great Master and when the war was over and he returned home, he gave much of his life and labor to the building up of Pisgah Church. Coming to Sumter, he transferred his membership to the First Church in February 1875, served the church faithfully as clerk for 14 years and October 28, 1900, transferred his membership to the Bartlett Street Church, where he labored until the Master said "Come up higher."

Who can measure the influence of good flowing from the life of William F. Rhame? Obedient and studious as a son, brave and true as a soldier, learned, cheerful and kind as a teacher, loving, gentle and generous as husband and father; humble, faithful and zealous as a Christian. Can flesh and blood attain to more?

JOEL E. BRUNSON,
E. C. HAYNSWORTH.

W. O. W. TO HAVE SMOKER.

Officers to Be Chosen at Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 18.

The regular monthly meeting of Holly Wood Camp, No. 19, Woodmen of the World, will be held in the Masonic Hall next Wednesday, December 18th, at 8 o'clock. At this time officers for the ensuing year will be chosen and a smoker held for the members of the camp.

One candidate will be introduced at the meeting. All Woodmen are cordially invited to attend the meeting, which will be a very interesting one.

W. E. Diggle, recently manager of the Nicholson Hotel, Chester, has disappeared, leaving a shortage in his accounts.

Mr. L. W. Folsom, Jr., of this city has secured the contract to do the wiring for the barns, sheds and buildings of the Penn Sumter Lumber Co., and will commence upon the work in the near future. This was a big contract for putting in electric apparatus which was sought after by a number of local people doing this line of work.

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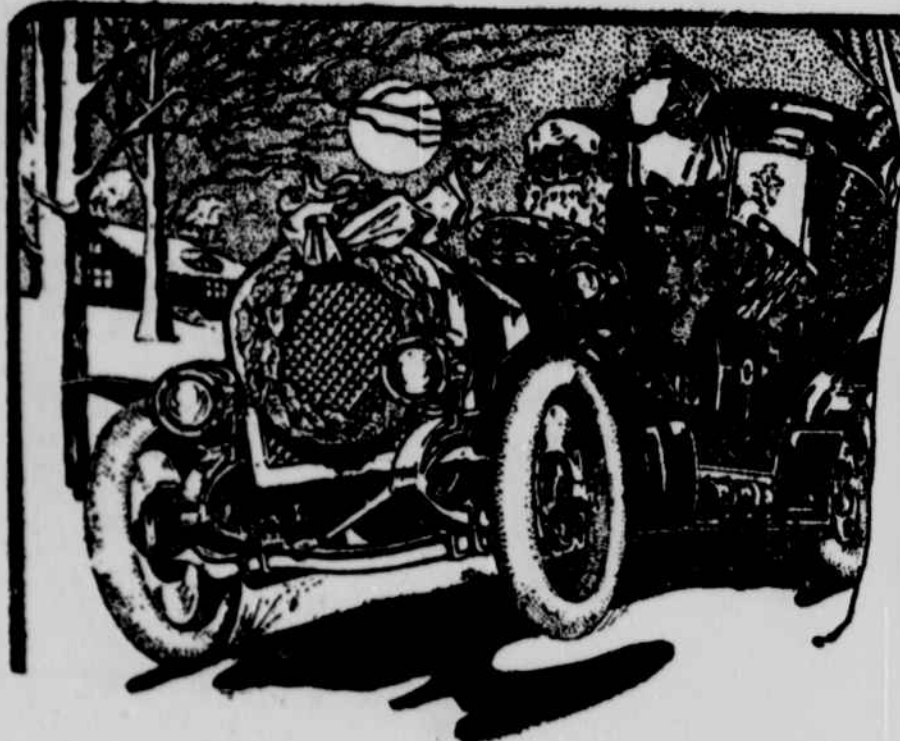
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